

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Jessica E. Price Smith
JESSICA E. PRICE SMITH
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re:
FAIR FINANCE COMPANY,
Debtor.
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) Case No.: 10-50494
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) Chapter 7
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) Judge Jessica E. Price Smith

**ORDER GRANTING THE FOURTH INTERIM FEE APPLICATION FILED BY
SKODA, MINOTTI & CO., CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**

This matter came before the Court on the *Fourth Fee Application for Allowance of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period September 1, 2015 through and including June 30, 2016, Filed by Skoda Minotti as Consulting and Testifying Expert for the Estate* [Dkt. No. 2428] (the “Application”). The relief sought in the Application is sought pursuant to (i) 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, (ii) Rule 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, (iii) Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules, (iv) the Court’s Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals, and (v) the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330, adopted by the Executive Office for United States Trustees.

The Court has considered the Application, and no interested party has filed a response to the Application. After due deliberation, the Court finds as follows:

A. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2), and venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This Court has the authority to decide this Application pursuant to Sections 327, 328, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

B. Adequate and proper notice of the Application was given, and no other or further notice is necessary.

C. Skoda, Minotti & Co., Certified Public Accountants, an Ohio Corporation (“**Skoda Minotti**”) is authorized, by an order of this Court dated September 10, 2013 [Dkt. No. 1313], to serve as a consulting and testifying expert for the estate. Skoda Minotti provided services as a consulting and testifying expert for the estate during the period from July 1, 2016 through and including September 30, 2017 (the “**Application Period**”).

D. In the Application, Skoda Minotti requested approval of fees in the amount of \$344,929.05, and expenses in the amount of \$865.87, all of which were incurred during the Application Period.

E. In accordance with this Court’s order dated August 12, 2013 [Dkt. No. 1302] (the “**Expert Compensation Order**”), Skoda Minotti received interim payments for the fees and expenses it incurred during the Application Period. To date, Skoda Minotti has received payment for 80% of the fees (\$275,943.24) and 100% of the expenses (\$865.87) it incurred during the Application Period.

F. The relief requested in the Application is in the best interest of the Debtor, its estate, its creditors and other parties-in-interest. The Court finds that the fees and expenses

requested by Skoda Minotti are reasonable and necessary and comply with the Bankruptcy Code and the United States Trustee's Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The Application is granted on an interim basis and subject to final review by this Court.
2. The fees that Skoda Minotti incurred during the Application Period are hereby approved and allowed, on an interim basis, in the amount of **\$344,929.05**
3. The expenses set forth in the Application are hereby approved and allowed, on an interim basis, in the amount of **\$865.87**;
4. The Trustee is authorized and directed to pay Skoda Minotti the amount of **\$68,985.81**, representing the total amount sought in the Application for fees and expenses incurred by Skoda Minotti during the Application Period, *less* amounts that have already been paid by the estate in accordance with the Expert Compensation Order.
5. This Order is without prejudice to the Trustee's ability to obtain future services from Skoda Minotti as needed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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